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Appln No.: 10/017,069  
Filed: December 13, 2001  
Applicant(s): Daniel Perez  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PREVENTING OVERLOAD IN A  
CIRCUIT  
Art Unit: 2838  
Examiner:

Confirmation No.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	3	-	3	**=	0	x \$ 86.00 =	\$ 0.00
Total Claims	12	-	20	* =	0	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims						\$ 290.00	
** At least 3					Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00

\* At least 20

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to:

\$ 0.00

Application No. 10/017,069  
Amendment dated February 18, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of August 20, 2003

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that the present application and claims be reconsidered based on the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None

**Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.